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TAFT FORCES IN CALIFORNIA LACK AGGRESSIVE LEADER NOW

Gov. Johnson Laying Plans to Capture All of the Votes · of Bear State

By ERNEST N. SMITH.

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 25 .-There was a time when the political scribe thought only of the men when he wrote; the interest of the politician centered in women only to the extent of smacking small children to win his way to papa's heart through mamma's delight. Perhaps these things are still so in Honolulu-I know not-but I write of things as I find them here. The scribe devotes a few lines of praise to the women-winning attributes of the favorite son; he in turn must be rough and ready to win the labor vote, suave and polished and standing for "the splendid virtues of an ideal home life." And he is beginning to get away with it.

No longer does father read his half of the paper while mother reads hers. Both want the same section-the political columns. Father wants to know whether the Taft man hit the Roosestairs and then returned gallantly explaining to an interested feminine voter that sometimes a little fracas was quite the thing to enable the people to rule. Mother wants to know whether the directors of her club decided that Woodrow, Wilson or Taft was the most gentlemanly delegate;, which had the most ideal home life,

If anyone wants to get a well-rounded idea of what constitutes American politics, just travel from one end of California to the other. Anything you can't find out that way you won't need

Things change with a bewildering suddenness. Witness the La Follette blatant. Then came the "Moose" call, concentration on the slogans or the heard first by Governor Johnson, who principles which, loudly reiterated, answered rancously and then led the tickle the public fancy and finally clubs in a wild run to the Moose paddock. "Thou shalt not steal" became far has been "Vote for Taft; he gave! fornia. "Let the people rule," said er win out in California with a quiet these gentry, while six or seven men campaign, not with the clever Protried to run the State. Taft Clubs Organized.

Taft clubs were organized, but lacking "loud mouths" failed to impress the public with their side of the ques-

The poor Woodrow Wilson clubs fight of modest dimensions.

Champ Clark was omnipresent as Hearst publications. It was a "Clark with us, aren't you, Mrs. D--?" walkover." Wilson was described as And so it will be during all these vividly as an editor could wax with- early fall months.

out going to jail. His lot seemed a miserable one indeed. One wondered why he lived at all. He seemed to be, according to Hearst, an enemy of every creed and condition of servitude.

Whereupon Wilson won. Now witness the ladies and gentlemen of Democratic distraction mounting the Wilson wagon-that's all. Hearst leaped first, as he generally does, and invited the hordes to join with "me and Wilson." The original Wilson men were almost lost in the stampede. It was a remarkable, if unusual, example of sudden Democratic fusion.

Governor Johnson's Plans. Governor Johnson, who, it is said, can arouse Roosevelt quicker than any other man in the Progressive party, seems to be laying plans to capture the Republican party. The Southern Pacific mep in the most golden days never had it on Johnson when it came

to doing any kind of politics to win. The Sta 2 Harbor Board at San Francisco has become a bulging nest for any old politician who can oil the Johnson machine. Payrolls are loaded-went up practically 100 per cent: just before the primaries. The same thing obtains through the State, "Let the people rule," say Johnson and his followers, who thereupon order Senator Works to resign because he breathed a personal private opinion as to the irregularity of the Progressives. They caught a tarter, because Works let out a blast that even silenced the bombastic Johnson. Works won't resign, and gave some good reasons why, which the Progressives did not like a little bit. "Thou shalt not steal," say the California Progressives who stole the Senatorial seat from Spalding and gave it to Works.

The Taft Campaign. About Taft-His campaign so far resembles the Wilson campaign early in

the present year. There are enough papers out for clubs, women's and men's, up and Taft, but so far there is no big Taft down the State, well organized and leader in California, no cohesion, no make reputations. The only thing s the slogan, and La Follette was bereft us the fair," which so far has been a of all he thought he owned in Call- pretty poor vote getter. Taft will nevgressives who can at present outtalk and outpoint any organization in the

And, as I said, the ladies are in the midst of it all. Every man's club has its double in a women's club. Around near the men's district headquarters went their quiet way. They were nervous women reiterate their views. quite lost sight of, the leaders con- Along the political high ways the tinkle tenting themselves with a martyr-like of glasses and the 'Well, here's luck" are almost drowned out by the suave "Won't you have another cup of tea? one would be if supported by the Yes; I thought so. Now, really, you're

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.-When the different county Boards of Supervisors meet in September, to fix the tax rate, they will determine the extent in which their Counties will be able to participate in the California Counties' Building, which, so far as California is concerned, will be the chief feature of the Panama-Pacific is prepared to furnish any informa-International Exposition. Those counties which levy the tax authorized by pation. the last Legislature will be in a position to take advanage of what will be the greatest advertising opportunity that has ever come to them, or propably ever will come to them,-to exploit their products and resources to

the world. Last year thirty-seven Counties made a specia l levy for Exposition purposes. This year pracitically every county in the State is expected to make the full levy, for i seems to be well understood by them that, in order to conform to plans adopted by the counties to make the California Counties' Building and exhibits the most triking feature of the Exposition, every county will need to take advantage of Legislative authorization and levy the full six cents on the \$100 tax every year from now until the ex-

position opens. The Counties' Building, which was | Shetland Islands last September. agreed upon at the State Convention of Supervisors, in Bakersfield in May, fornia Counties shall be the real hosts rotten. at the Exposition, and that their hospitality shall take such shape as to advertise California more effectively than any State was ever before adver-

tised. In order to carry out this it is planned to erect a building of imposing architecture that will combine every essential for county exhibits, as wel as receptions, banquets and other social functions; and to arrange so that no visitor can enter the social section of the building without passing through the exhibits of the different ccunties of the State.

During the Exposition period the Counties will arrange for a constant succession of County Days, on each of which some one county will play the part of host to the visitors attending the exposition, and the county that is host for the day will be given the use of the building for that purpose. By this arrangement there will not be a single day when California is not doing the entertaining. The fame of her Fort and Pauahi Sts. Phone 3029 hospitality will be spread throughout

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] the world, and every visitor to the Exposition will be given an inducement to view the matchless products and familiarize himself with the op portunities existing in every county in

In this most important affair the Exposition is working in entire accord with the decision of the counties, and tion required regarding County partici-

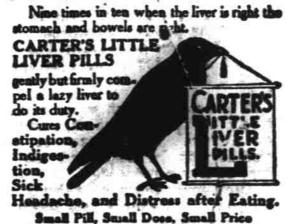
LIFE PRESERVER IS FOUND AFTER YEARS

Floated from Japanese Coast to Scotland Through the Northwest Passage

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12 .- A life preserver which had drifted 12,000 miles from the coast of Japan to Scotland, was received here today by Captain Robert Dollar, of the Dollar Steamship Company. The life preserver floated from the wreck of the Stanley Dollar, which went aground in Yokohama harbor, in September, 1905. It is believed to have drifted through the Northwest Passage, the first authentic record of such an occurrence, and was picked up near the

The life preserver was identified as having been on the Stanley Dollar by and subsequently ratified by a meet- James Guthrie, then assistant ining of Supervisors and their County spector of hulls and boilers, who Exposition Commissioners, held in the placed his stamp on the canvas. The location-Red front, near St. Francis Hotel, in San Francisco, tules, with which the life preserver is on June 20th, provides that the Cali- stuffed, are broken, and the canvas is

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